from time to time as could be seen from the details below:—

Effective Date	Rate per Kg (X works Mandla + CST extra)
	Rs.
June, 1974 . . .	25
7th September, 1977 . .	26
17th May, 1978 . .	27·5
13th May, 1980 . .	33·5
20th Oct., 1980 . . .	37·5
1st August, 1981 . .	42·5
1st April, 1984 . . .	50
1st April, 1985 . . .	55

In July 1985, MACC have asked for a revised price of Rs. 60|- per Kg. This has not been finalised yet.

Lifting Ban on Recruitment and Promotion in Public Sector Undertakings

2153. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are actively considering the demand of the public sector undertakings to lift the ban on their recruitment and promotion;

(b) if so, what is the latest position in this regard; and

(c) the list of the public sector undertakings which had been permitted by the Government to report to their recruitment and promotions against the post which were of essential|operational nature to suit their business|commercial interests during the last three years and upto September 1985?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Instructions have been issued in October, 1985 that in most exceptional circumstances, posts may be created or vacancies filled up with the prior approval of the Board of Directors and that too after all channels for utilising the existing manpower, through proper planning, training and deployment have been exhausted.

(c) Permission of the Government was not required by public sector undertakings for creating posts or filling up the vacancies below the leval of Board of Directors.

Vespa-XE Scooters

2154. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a heavy demand of Vespa-XE Scooters manufactured by Lohia Machines Limited, Kanpur in the country; and

(b) if so, what is the number of pending cases of delivery, booking and quota for delivery, dealerwise in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R.K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) The company had a waiting list for about 18.75 lakh scooters as on 1st November, 1985 Over 40,000 scooters had been delivered till 31-10-85. The company allots vehicles to dealers every quarter broadly in proportion to respective bookings.

National Thermal Power Corporation

2155. SHRI BISWA GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the parties to whom the National Thermal Power Corporation has given contracts for over Rs. 1 crore during the past three years;

(b) the names of the firms which have their offices in Delhi; and

(c) the names of the firms which have their registered offices outside Delhi?